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and her colonies. The study is properly based upon the natural conditions affecting the production and distribution of commodities. In Part I the products of each geographic division, as the low plain of the Upper Rhine, the Baltic coast region, etc., are treated separately. Part II is devoted to a general survey of the industries and trade of the country as a whole. Part III deals with the colonies, and Part IV describes the chief raw materials imported from foreign countries. The topics, particularly the industries, are treated with unusual fullness for a text-book; but a school book on Commercial Geography limited to a single country misses the important educative element of comparison and contrast with other countries.

*Hints to Travellers. Edited by John Coles, F.R.G.S., F.R.A.S. Eighth Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Vols. I and II. London, The Royal Geographical Society, 1901.*

The present edition of this useful handbook has been expanded to two volumes. The first volume, entirely given to Surveying and Practical Astronomy, amplifies the earlier sections on Surveying, and includes a set of tables, by using which, with the Nautical Almanac, travellers may compute the results of their observations. In the second volume the sections on Meteorology and Medical Hints have been rewritten and greatly enlarged; and Photography, Geology, Natural History, Industry, and Commerce, etc., have been revised. Hints on Outfit and other topics, formerly treated in the one-volume edition, are reserved for a separate pamphlet. Many explorers are compelled to limit the weight of their outfit. It is to be supposed that all suggestions most needed in their travels can be compactly presented within the present compass of this work, which still has the advantage of being lighter and smaller than some of the similar German handbooks.

*The Restoration of the Ancient Irrigation Works on the Tigris; or, The Re-Creation of Chaldea. By Sir William Willcocks, K.C.M.G., M.I.C.E., Late Director-General of Reservoirs, Egypt, Managing Director of the Daina Sanieh Company. Being a Lecture Delivered at a Meeting of the Khedivial Geographical Society, Cairo, 25th March, 1903. With Two Appendices. Appendix A—Meteorological Information about Bagdad. Appendix B—An Address on "Egypt Fifty Years Hence." And Ten Plates. Cairo, National Printing Department, 1903.*

Egypt is the queen of irrigated countries, but next to Egypt Sir William places the wonderful land irrigated in ancient days by